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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-02-88

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF TIME ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT
FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM COSTS


REFERENCE: ACIN I-09-86, ACL 86-27, AND ACL 86-113

On December 22, 1987, Congress passed the Continuing Resolution (CR) for FY 1988 (H.J. Res. 395) which was approved by the President as Public Law 100-202.

The State has been notified that a reduction will be imposed under the CR on the funds available to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), including the funds available for ORR's grants to States for cash assistance, medical assistance, and related administrative costs (CMA grants). As a result, ORR has indicated that it feels that sufficient funds are not available to continue the policy of providing full funding for these costs for 31 months. Therefore, ORR has notified us that effective February 1, 1988, the Family Support Administration will only reimburse the States for CMA costs associated with the first 24 months that a refugee is in the United States.

The reduction to 24 months affects funding for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Refugee Demonstration Project, Medi-Cal, SSI/SSP, Foster Care, and General Assistance programs. More complete information will be contained in an All-County Letter to be released soon. Appropriate regulatory changes are in process concurrent with the All-County Letter. In the interim, counties should immediately identify all refugee cases which will be affected by this decision, i.e., cases which will meet or have met the 24-month cutoff as of February 1, 1988.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Walter Barnes, Chief, Office of Refugee Services at (916) 324-1576.


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